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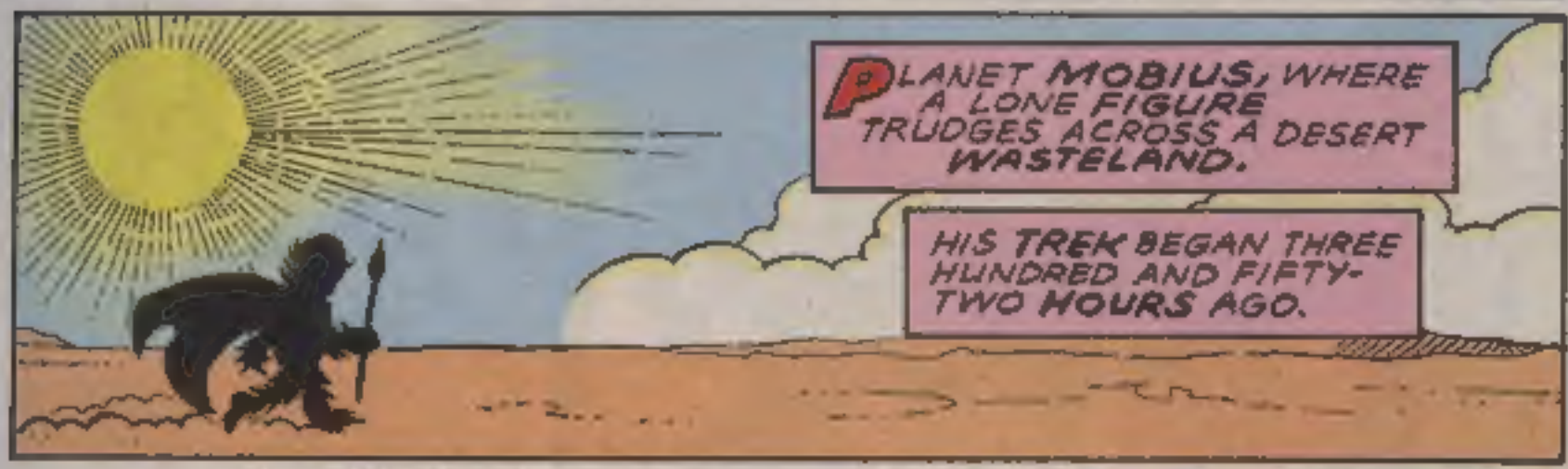

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ROBOTROPOLIS.

THE SWORD OF ACORNS HAS BEEN STOLEN! IT'S NOT FAIR; ESPECIALLY WHEN I WORKED SO HARD TO NAB IT FROM SONIC!

BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT...

THE WRATH OF KHAN

CHAPTER ONE

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THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

THIS IS GETTING, LIKE, WAY PAST *WEIRD*. THOSE *METEORITES* THAT FELL HERE EARLIER *WEREN'T* METEORITES AT ALL--

--THEY WERE *UFOS!* BUT INSTEAD OF *SPACE INVADERS*, THEY'RE FILLED WITH *OVERLANDERS!* LOTS OF 'EM!

I'D BETTER STAY *HIDDEN!*

LORD KINTOBOR, PLEASE TELL ME THIS BARREN *SAND-HEAP* WASN'T OUR INTENDED *DESTINATION!*

ONE MOMENT, *LADY AGNES*...

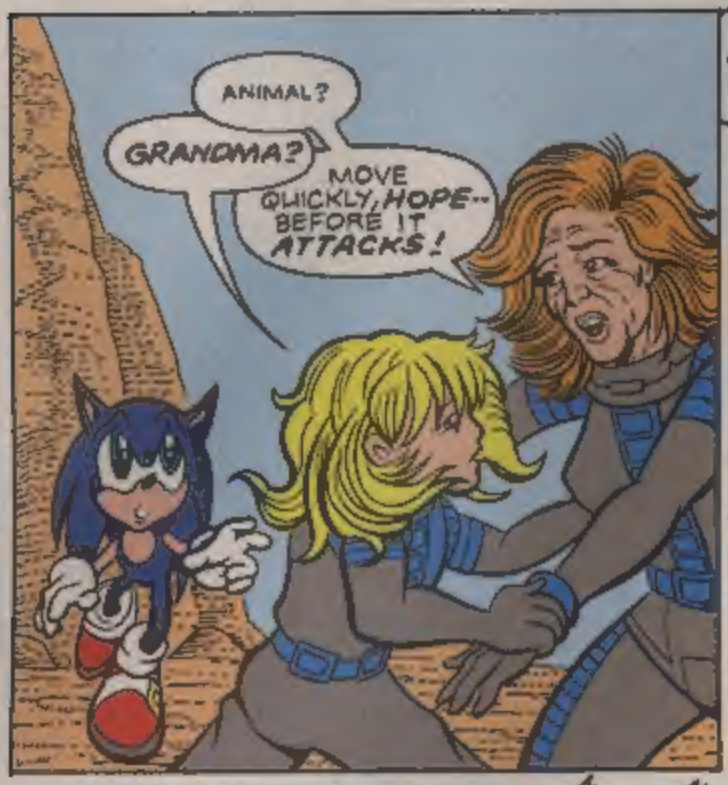
CHEDDERMUND!! WHERE ON MOBIUS ARE WE?

WELL, BOTH SHIPS' *CO-ORDINATES* WERE PRO-GRAMMED...

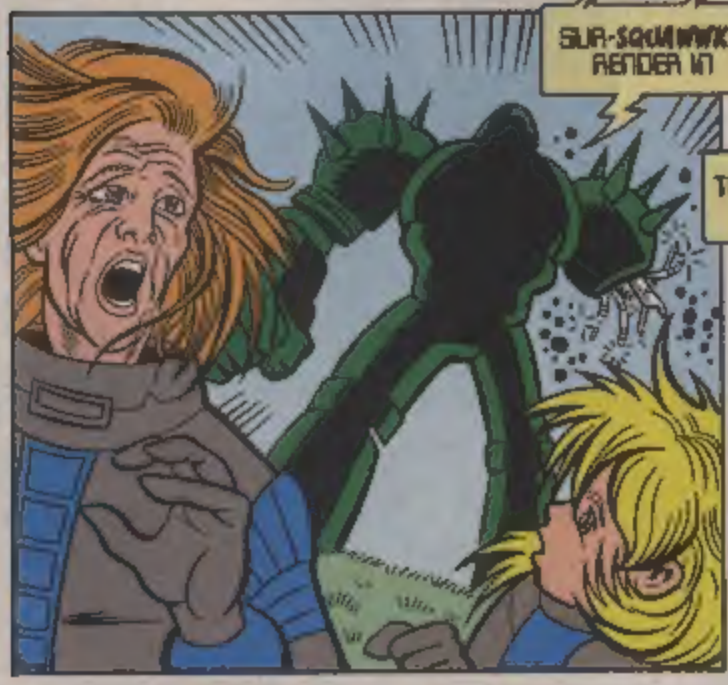
...TO LAND OUTSIDE OF THE LARGEST *URBAN CENTER* ON THE...

EEEEEEKK!!

LOOK! A WILD *ANIMAL!*

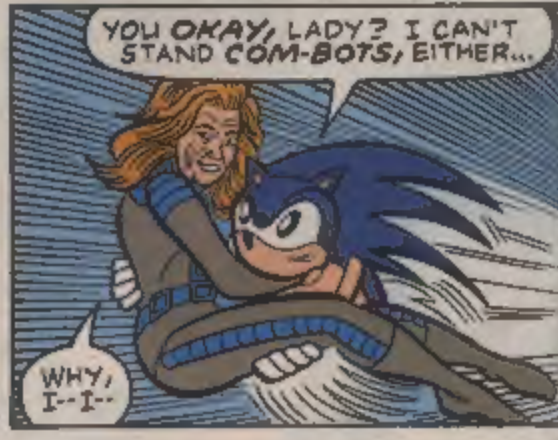

ANIMAL?
GRANDMA?
MOVE QUICKLY, HOPE-- BEFORE IT ATTACKS!

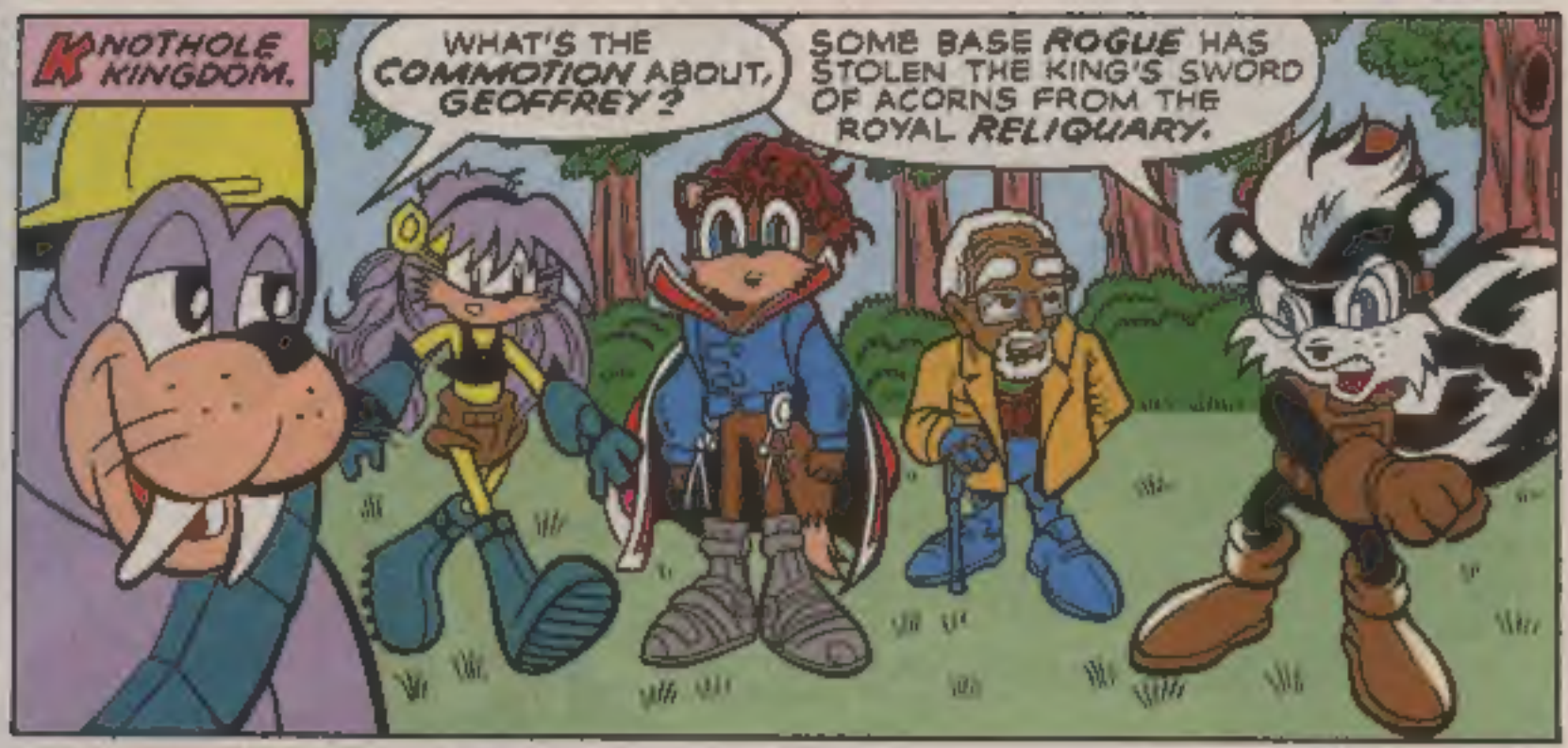
EVERY-ONE STAND BACK! I'LL HANDLE--


SUR-SQUAWWKK- RENDER IN

THE-SQUAWWWK- NAME OF
RUN, HOPE-- RUN!
GRANDMA-- NOOOO!!

HASTA LA VISTA, MISTA!
BZZZZZ
SHRAKT


YOU OKAY, LADY? I CAN'T STAND COM-BOTS, EITHER...
WHY, I--I--


KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.
WHAT'S THE COMMOTION ABOUT, GEOFFREY?
SOME BASE ROGUE HAS STOLEN THE KING'S SWORD OF ACORNS FROM THE ROYAL RELIQUARY.

OH, NO! HE'S TALKING ABOUT SONIC. BUT SONIC'S A HERO--I'M SURE HE HAD A GOOD REASON FOR TAKING IT!

WAITASEC! MINA AND I JUST SAW SONIC--HE SAID IT WAS UP TO HIM TO GET THE SWORD--

KAFF! KAFF! KAFF! KAFF!

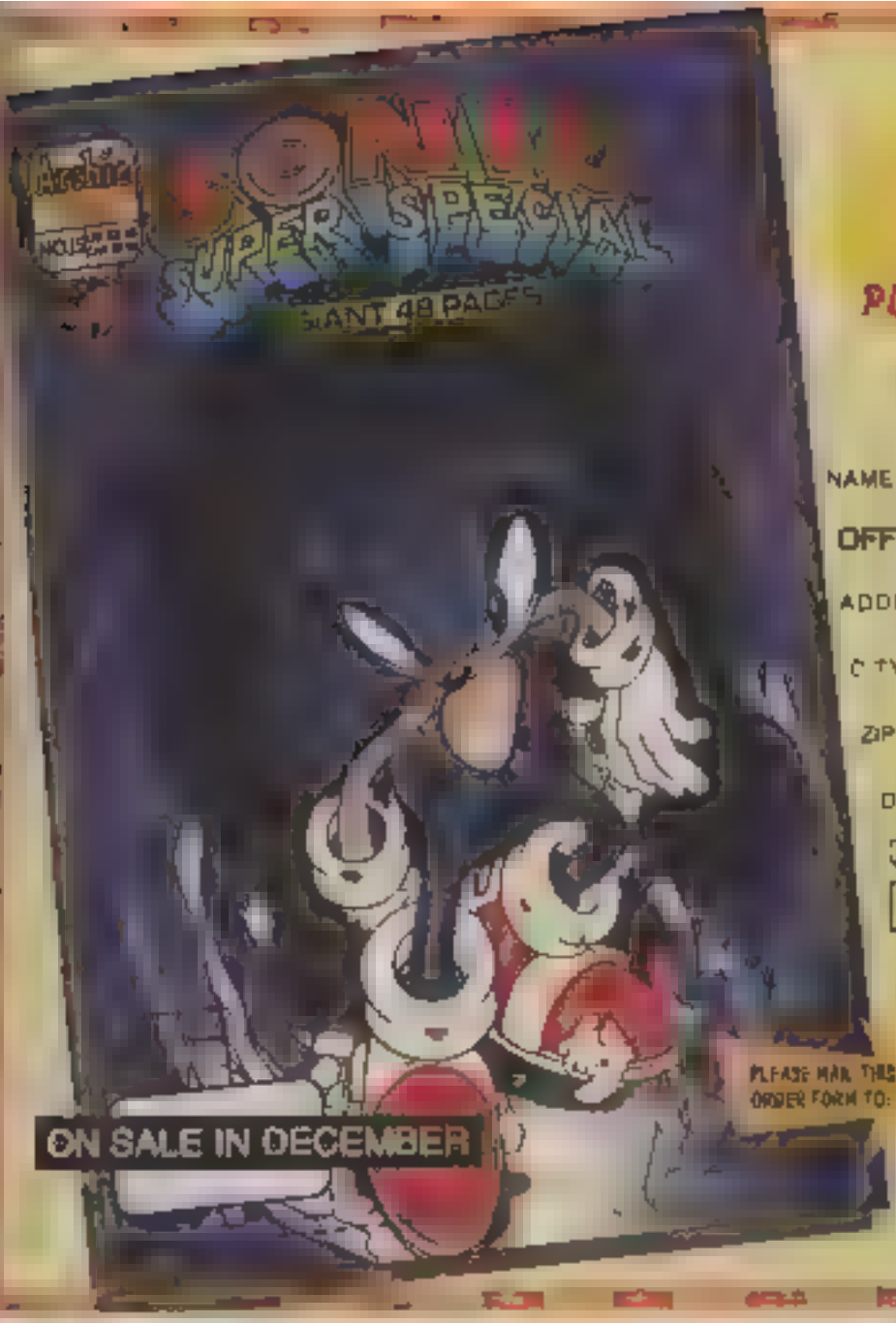
I'VE INVESTIGATED FAR TOO MANY CASES TO BE FOOLED BY YOUR UNSKILLED ATTEMPT AT COVERING UP. I WANT ANSWERS...

... AND I WANT THEM NOW!

I SEE IT, BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
SONIC--WITH THESE OVERLANDERS SCORES OF THEM HAVE MIRACULOUSLY LANDED RIGHT AT MY DOORSTEP!
MY NATIVE RACE... OH, I'VE MISSED YOU SO MU--
?
WAIT-- I RECOGNIZE THAT ONE! IT'S MY BROTHER COLIN--
--OR, RATHER, THE PREVIOUS ROBOTNIK'S BROTHER COLIN. I'M AN ALTERNATE REALITY EGGMAN WHO ROBOTICIZED MY OWN COLIN YEARS AGO, BUT THAT WAS THERE, NOT HERE, SO--
--I'LL ROBOTICIZE HIM, TOO! I'LL TURN THEM ALL INTO MY MECHANICAL SERVANTS! BUT FIRST, A SIMPLE RUSE TO GAIN THEIR TRUST...

WHO-- WHO ARE YOU?
NAME'S SONIC--SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--AND YOU FOLKS SHOULDN'T BE HERE--THIS PLACE IS, LIKE, SO NOT SAFE!
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST THIS... THIS HEDGE-HOG?
MAYBE THAT ROBOT WAS TRYING TO PROTECT US!
MY BROTHER, COLIN, IS RIGHT-- I DESIGNED ALL OF MY PROTECTO-BOTS TO FIGHT THE FURRY MENACE!
I OFFER YOU SANCTUARY--A NEW HOME WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM SUCH SAVAGE BEASTS!
NO! DON'T BUY IT! HE'S LYING!
REALLY, SONIC?

WHO SAYS?



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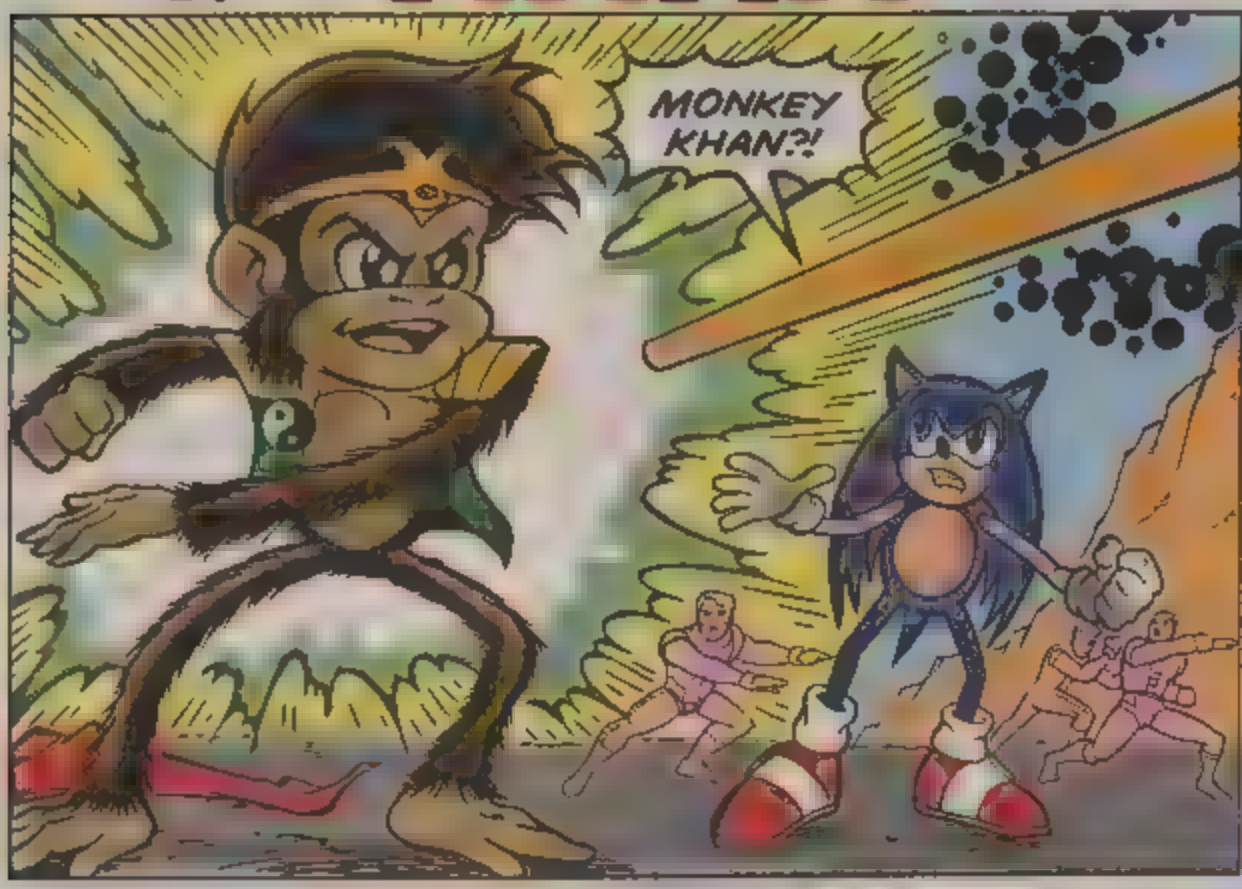
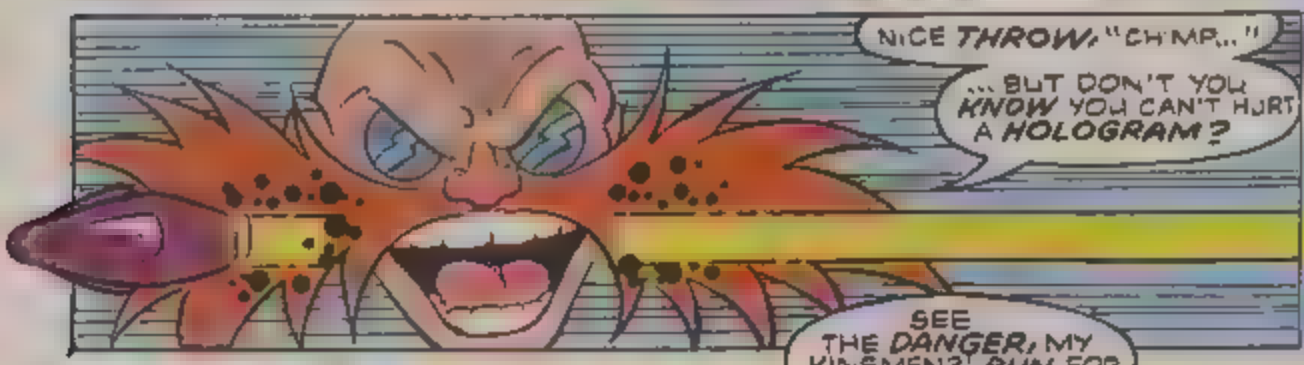
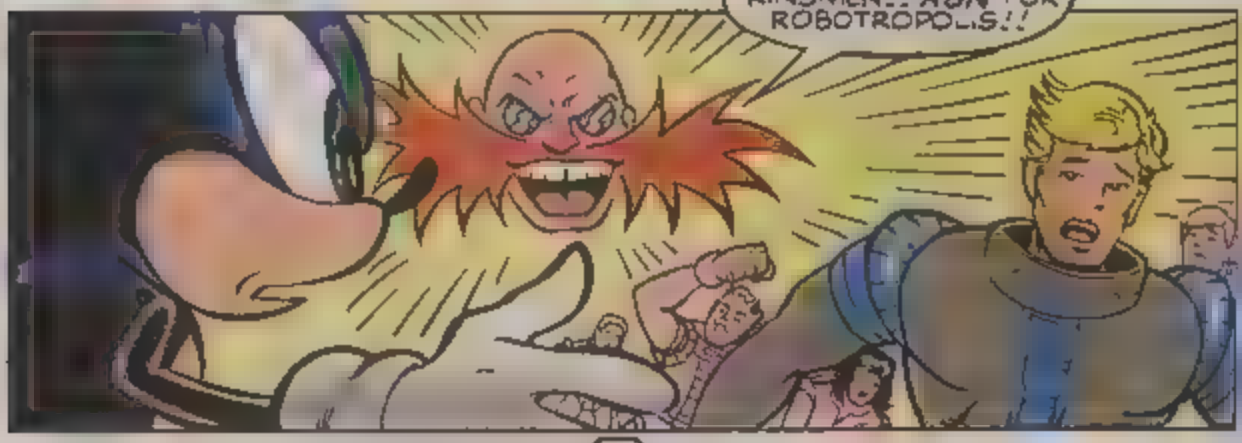






KNOTHOLE.

I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK ONCE, GIRL...

...WHERE'S THE BLEEDIN' SWORD?!

Uhh.. COULD YOU LEAVE US ALONE FOR A SEC?

WHAT FOR..?! (Hrmph) AS YOU WILL!

WHAT A HARD-CASE, HUH? LISTEN, GIRLFRIEND, IF YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.. I PROMISE SONIC WON'T GET IN ANY HOT WATER. WHADDAYA SAY?

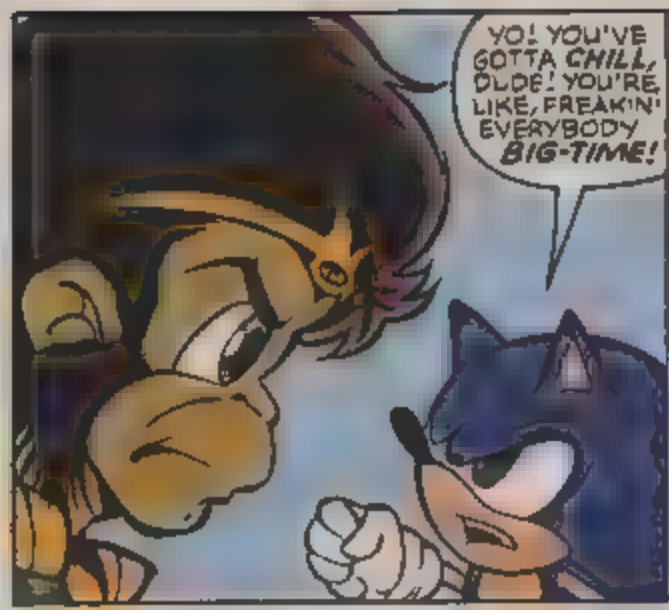
WELL, DID IT WORK? DID SHE TALK?

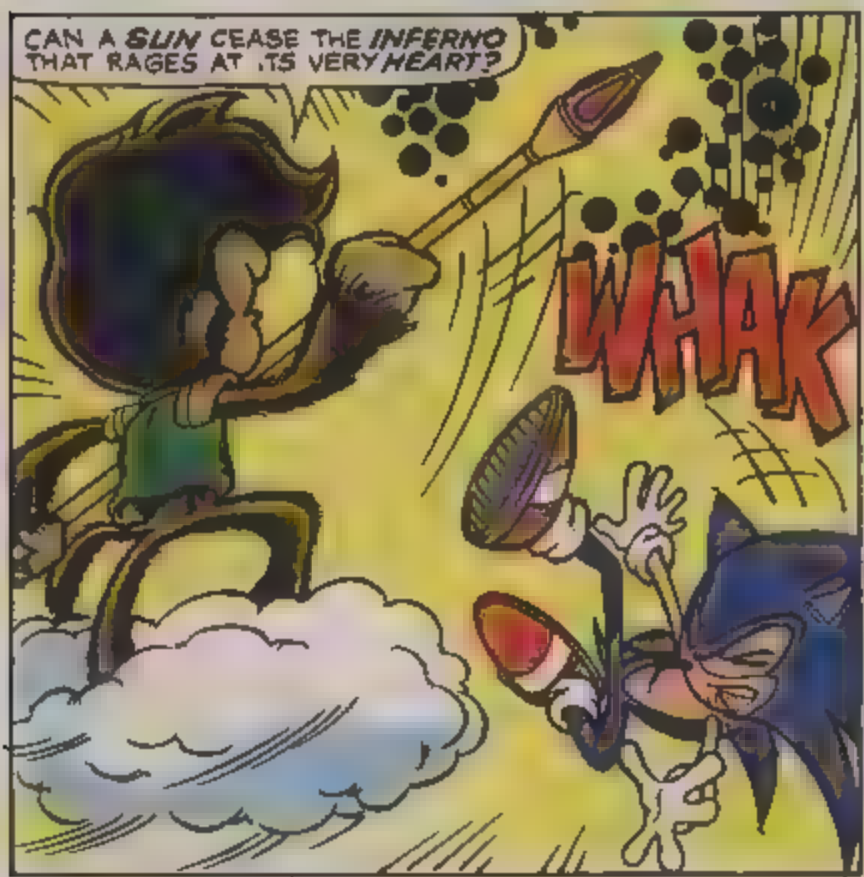
BINGO. AND HE TOOK THE SWORD ALL RIGHT

HERSHEY, I COULD KISS YOU!

SO WHY IS IT, GEOFFREY, THAT YOU NEVER DO?

HA. WE'LL SEE HOW SAFE ROBOTROPOLIS IS AFTER I'VE TRASHED IT COMPLETELY!


YO! YOU'VE GOTTA CHILL, DUDE! YOU'RE, LIKE, FREAK'N' EVERYBODY BIG-TIME!


CAN A SUN CEASE THE INFERNO THAT RAGES AT ITS VERY HEART?
WHAK

GUESS NOT. CAN IT AT LEAST QUIT THE CORNY DIALOGUE?

OH NO! WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?!

FEAR *NOT* THE PROTECTOR-BOTS!

PLEASE-- LISTEN TO MY BROTHER *JULIAN!*

WHAT'S WITH THE *'TUDE* ALL OF A SUDDEN, KHAN?! DID YOU SUDDENLY *REMEMBER* THAT THE DOC IS A MAJOR *LOSER?*

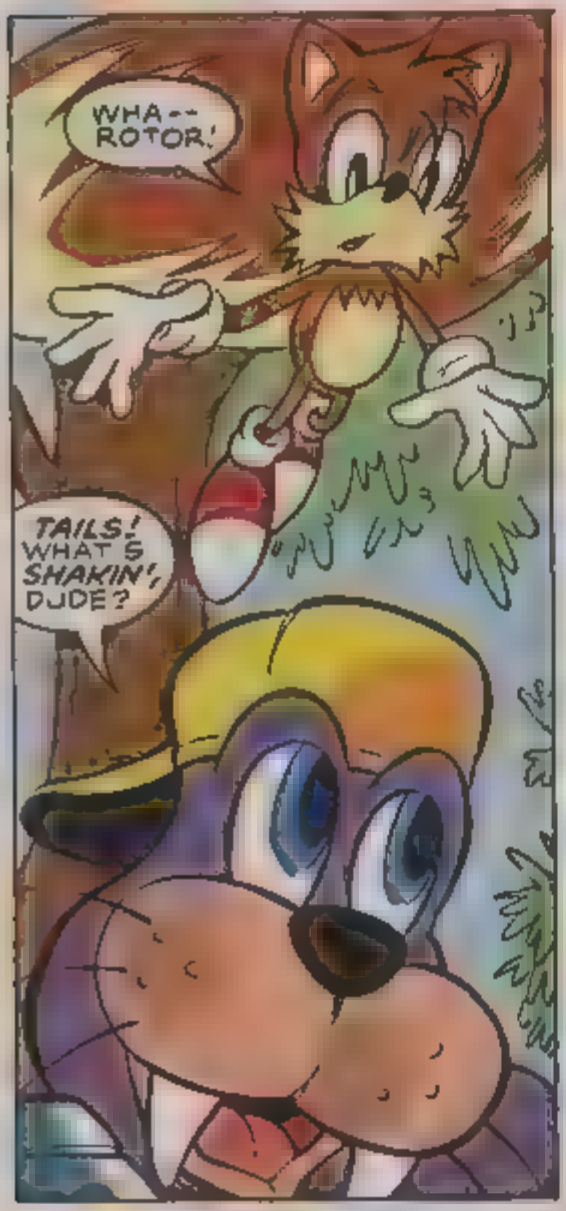
"ROBOTNIK RAZED MY *VILLAGE,* HEDGEHOG.

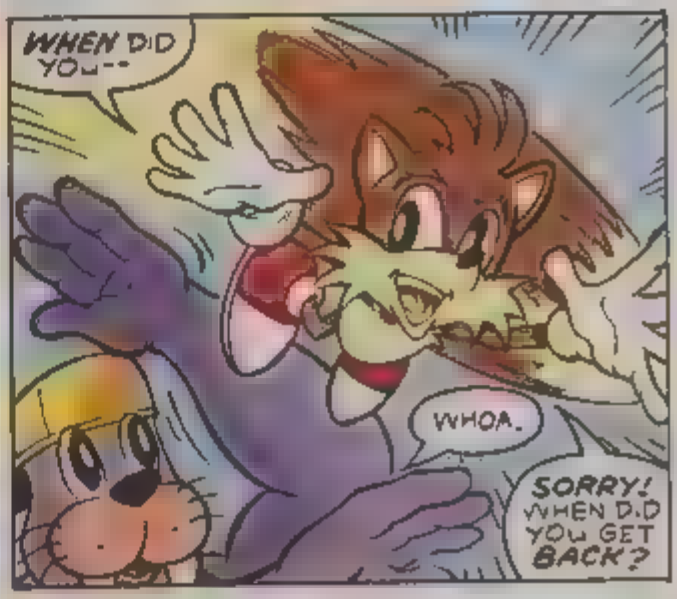
"...AND ROBOTICIZED ALL FOR WHOM I *CARED!"*

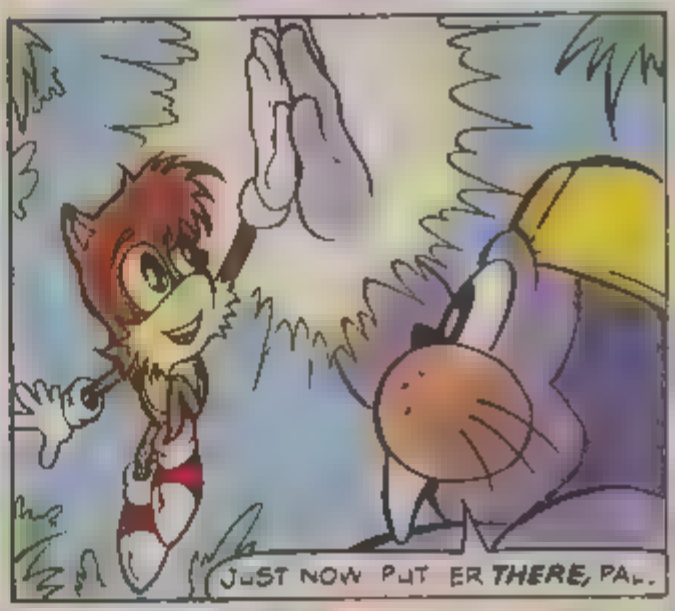
JOIN THE *CLUB,* BUT DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THESE OVERLANDERS! THEY'RE *INNOCENT!*

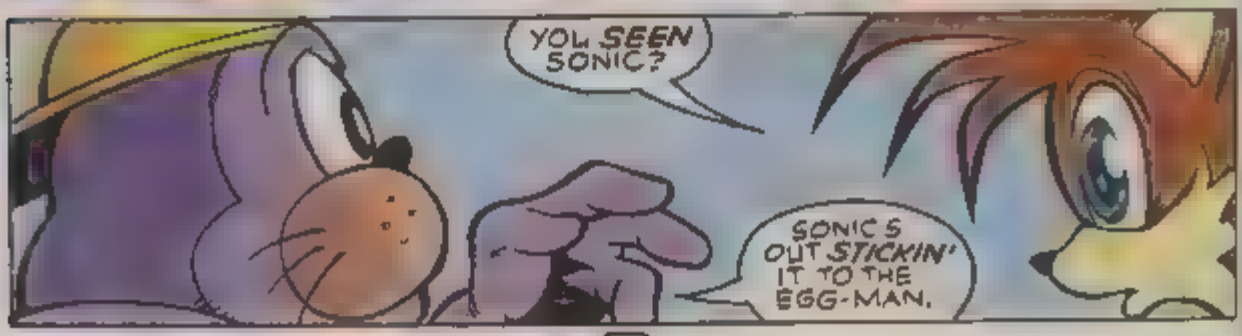
SO WAS MY *VILLAGE!!*

I WONDER WHERE SONIC WENT. HE SEEMED--


WHA-- ROTOR!
TAILS! WHAT'S SHAKIN', DUDE?


WHEN DID YOU--
WHOA.
SORRY! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?


JUST NOW PUT ER THERE, PAL.


YOU SEEN SONIC?
SONIC'S OUT STICKIN' IT TO THE EGG-MAN.

"...BUT WHERE'S PRINCESS SALLY?"
YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY NOW, BUT I M SSED YOUR ENTIRE CHILDHOOD, SWEETHEART.
WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
WELL... DAD WASN'T AROUND EITHER AND I HAD NO IDEA ELIAS EXISTED. I WAS FORTUNATE...
...TO HAVE FRIENDS AROUND ME ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE A FAMILY.
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER I LEFT MOBOTROPOLIS?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, AN OVERLANDER SCIENTIST CAME TO TOWN POSING AS AN ALLY, BUT SOON USED HIS ROBOT ARMY TO CONQUER THE CITY.
DAD WAS BANISHED, MOSTLY EVERYONE WAS TURNED INTO ROBOTIC SLAVES, AND THE REST OF US ESCAPED HERE TO KNOTHOLE.
BUT WHO WAS IN CHARGE?
I WAS

PLEASE MOVE SINGLE FILE.

I

HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!

I'LL *DEAL* W TH YOU LATER, BANANA-BREATH! I'VE GOTTA *STOP* THESE FOLKS BEFORE IT'S--

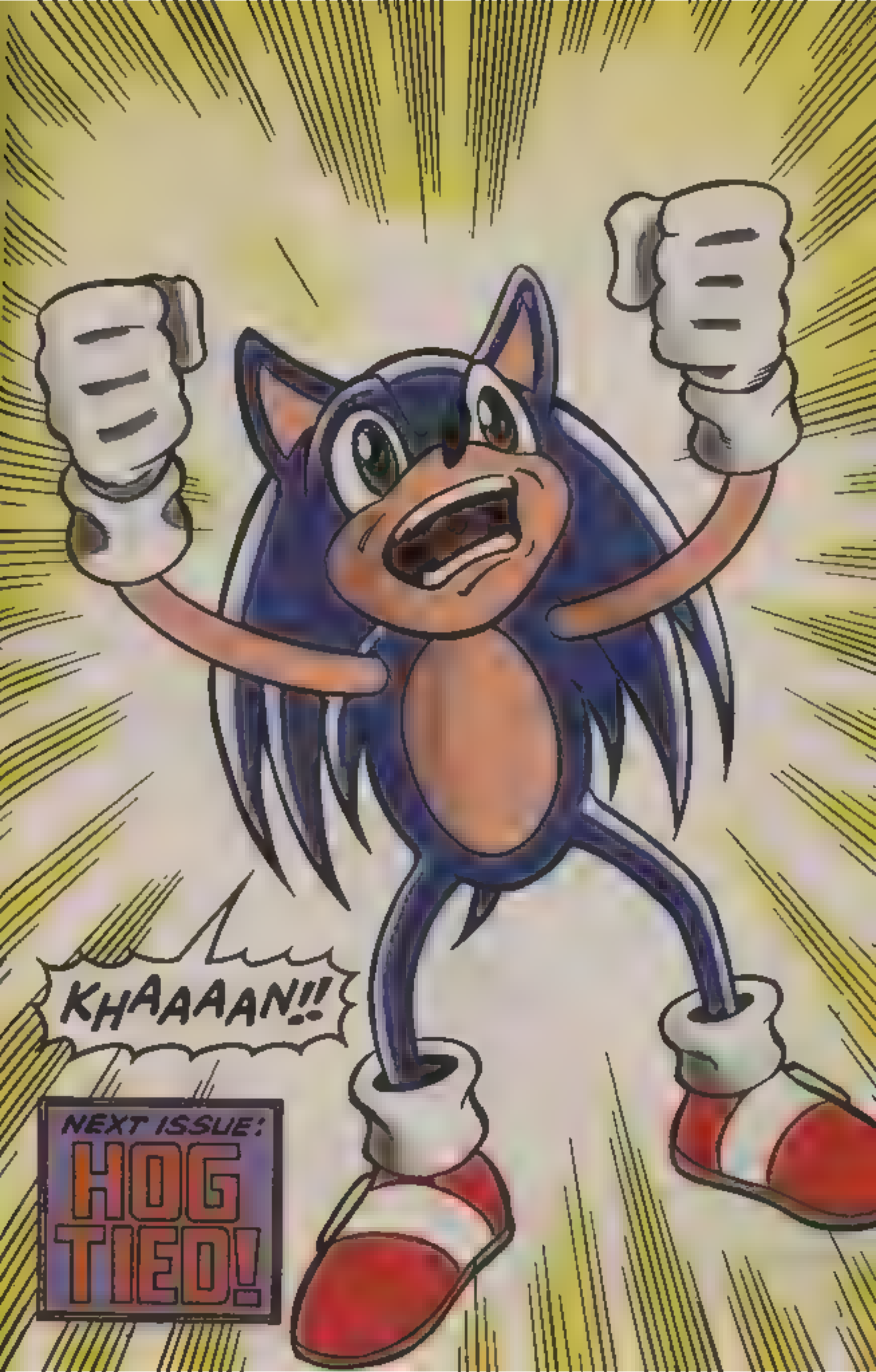
WELL, *I'VE* HAD ENOUGH 'POKEMON' BUT YOU DON'T SEE *ME* COMPLAININ

"--TOO *LATE!* THE ENERGY-DOME'S ON AGA N!"

ARE YOU *HAPPY* NOW? THOSE INNOCENTS ARE *PRISONERS* (EVEN IF THEY DON'T KNOW IT YET)!

SOON I W LL HAVE MY *REVENGE!*

L KE ARE YOU EVEN *LISTENIN'* TO ME?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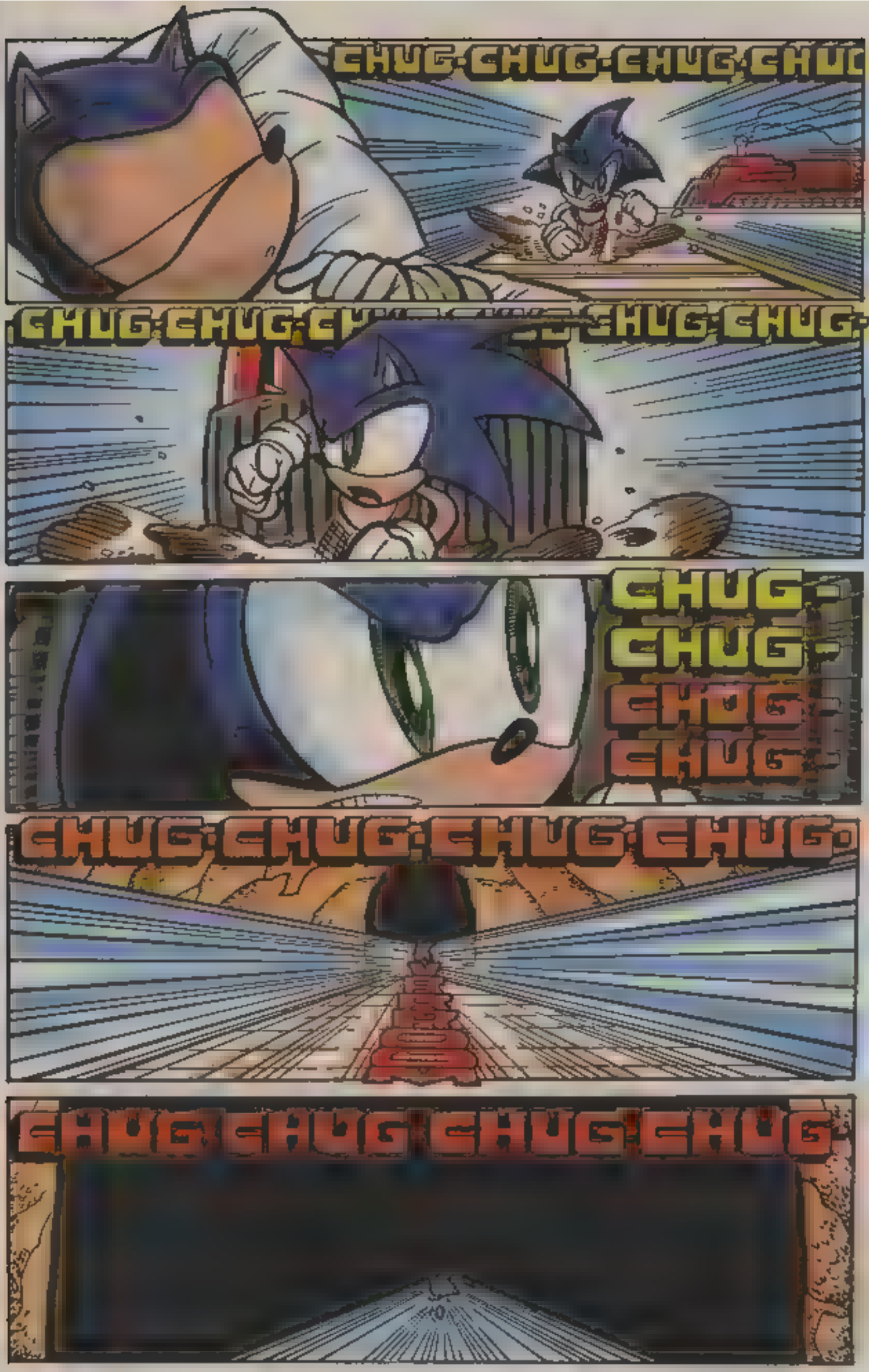
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CHUG chug chug chug chug chug...
WHOA!
DID I TAKE A WRONG TURN OR WHAT!
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WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

IT'S NOT LIKE ANY CHAOS EMERALD I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE!

[illegible]?

TAILS-- AMY--

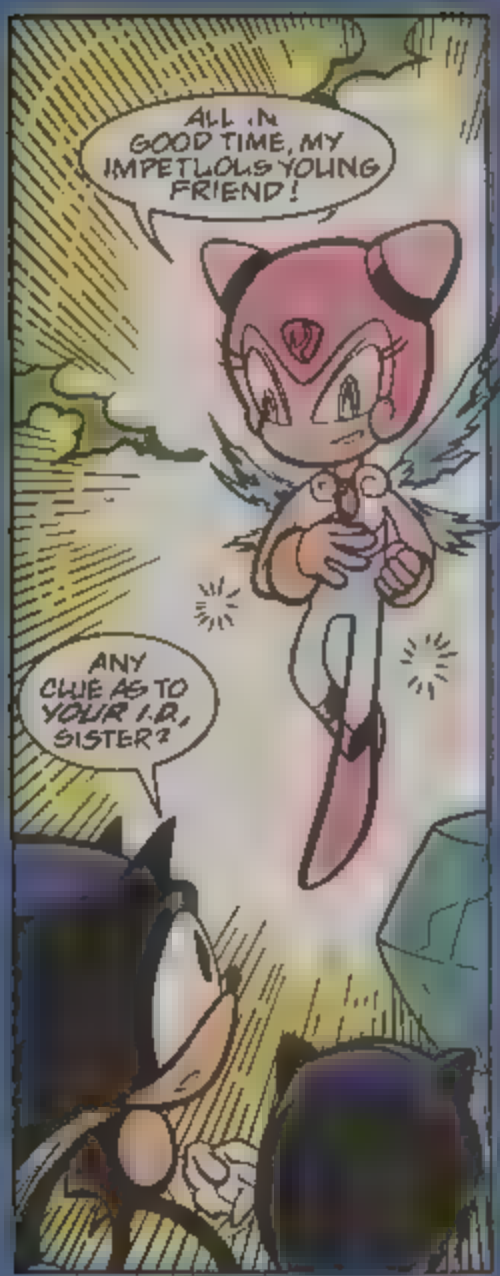
--AND KNUCKLES?!! HOW--?!!

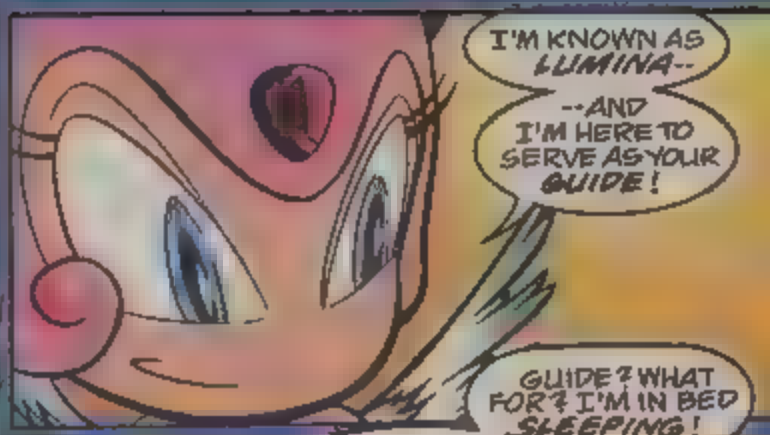
AND WHERE'S SALLY AND THE REST OF THE GANG--?

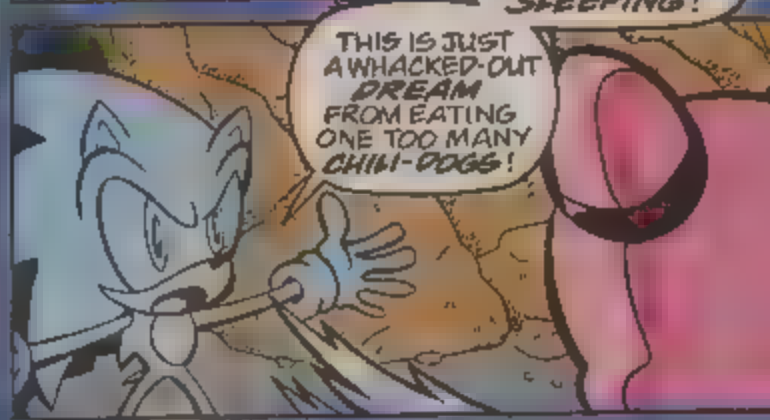
THEY'RE NOT WITH US THIS TIME!

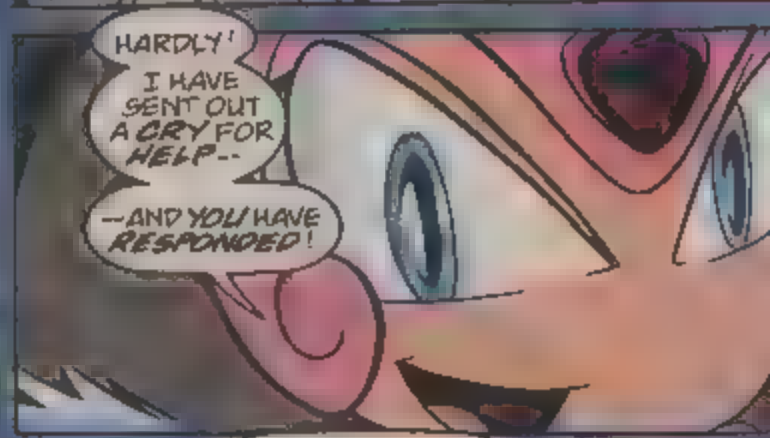
THERE'VE BEEN OTHERS, THOUGH!

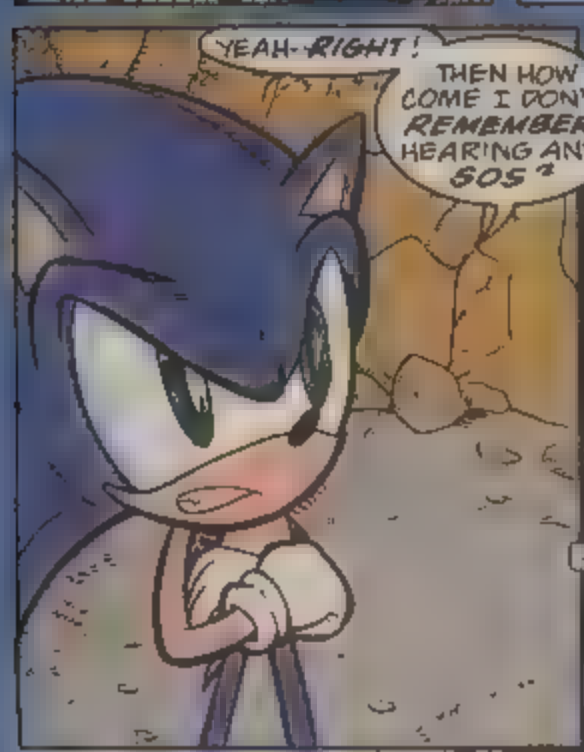
YEAH? LIKE WHO?

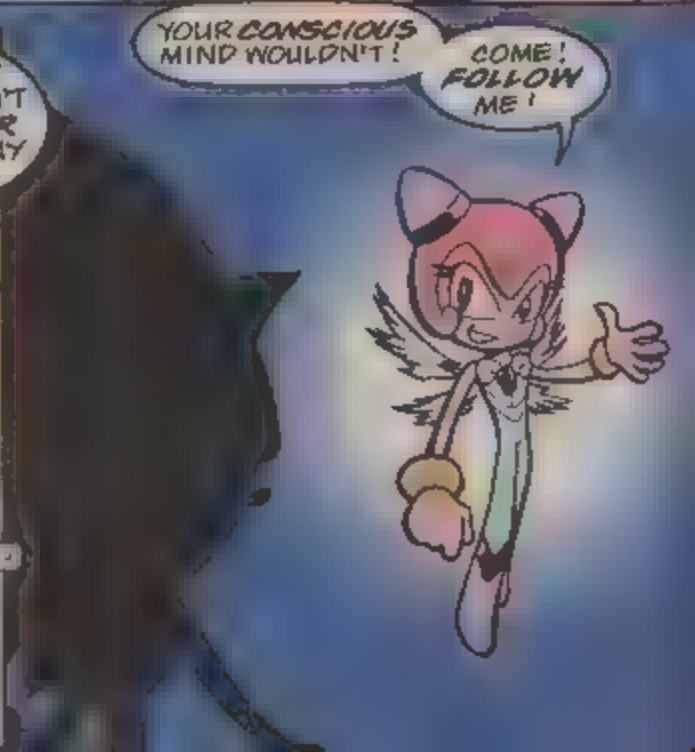

ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY IMPETUOUS YOUNG FRIEND!
ANY CLUE AS TO YOUR I.D., SISTER?


I'M KNOWN AS LUMINA--
--AND I'M HERE TO SERVE AS YOUR GUIDE!


GUIDE? WHAT FOR? I'M IN BED SLEEPING!
THIS IS JUST A WHACKED-OUT DREAM FROM EATING ONE TOO MANY CHILI-DOGS!

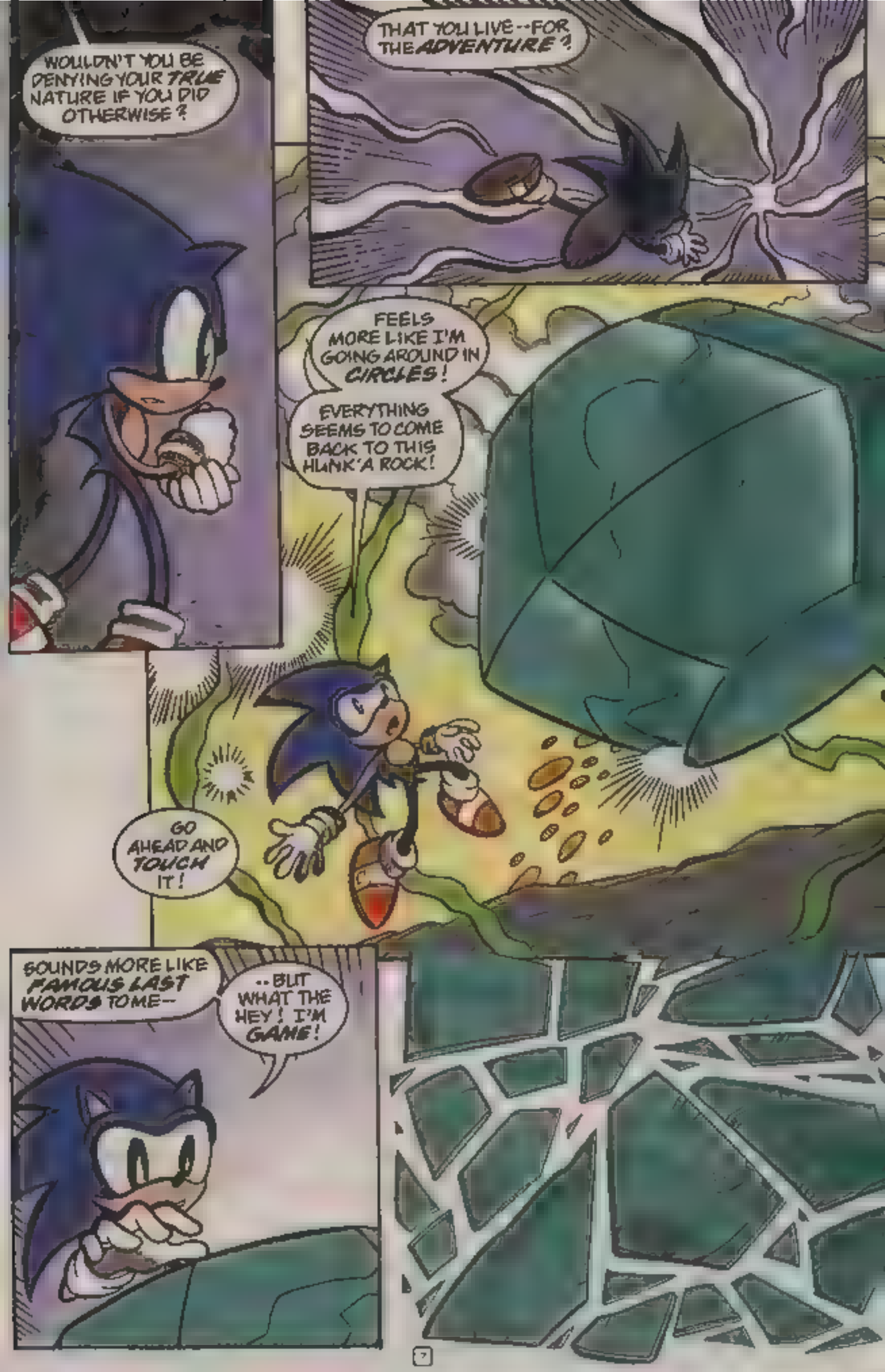

HARDLY! I HAVE SENT OUT A CRY FOR HELP--
--AND YOU HAVE RESPONDED!

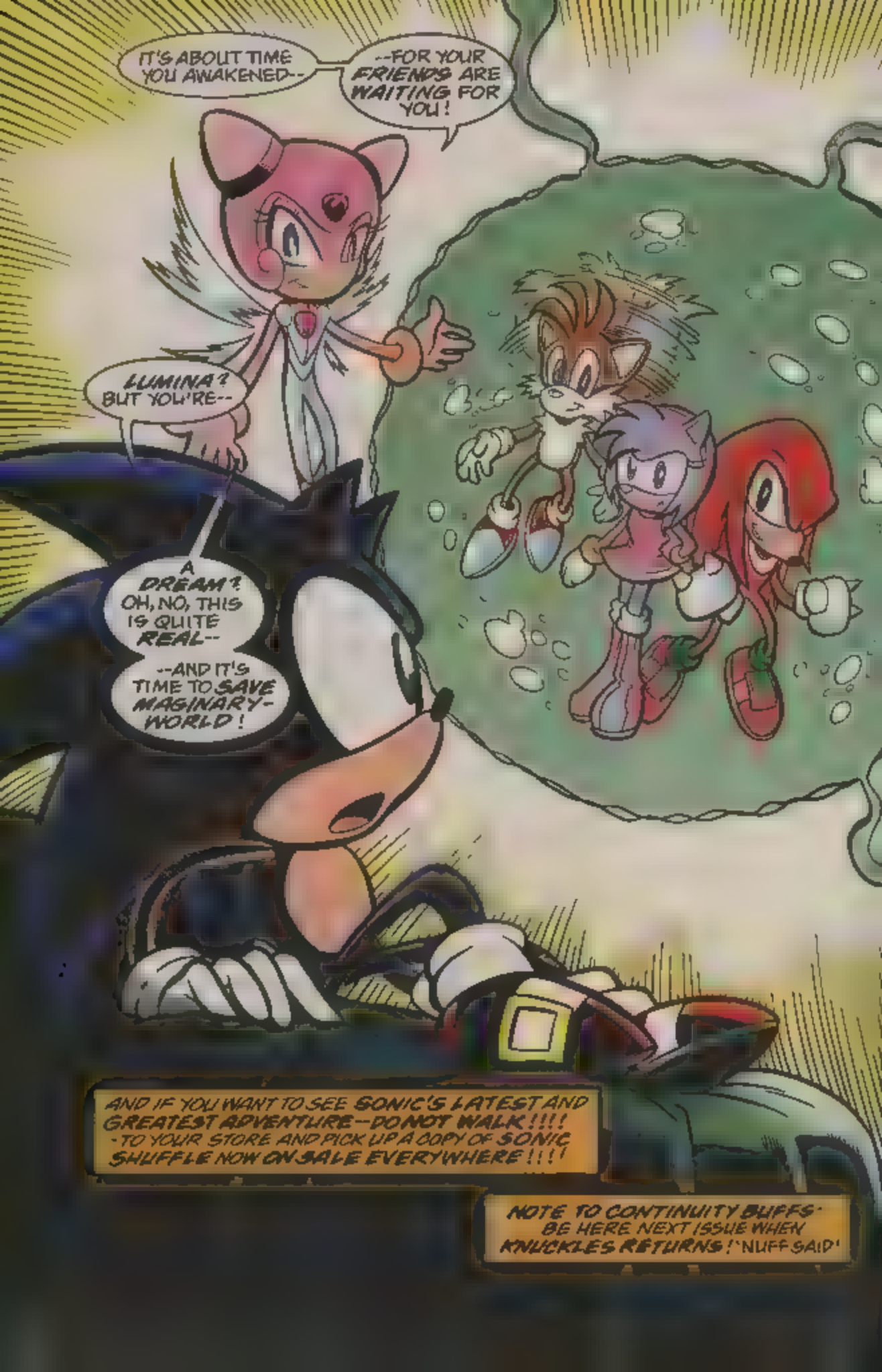

YEAH-RIGHT!
THEN HOW COME I DON'T REMEMBER HEARING ANY SOS?


YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND WOULDN'T!
COME! FOLLOW ME!

BEHOLD THE PRECIOUSTONE!
IT IS THE GATEWAY TO MAGINARY-WORLD--
--AS WELL AS THE NEXUS TO ITS REALITY!
HOW ABOUT SAYING THAT IN WORDS OF TWO SYLLABLES OR LESS?
IT'S A CRYSTAL WEAVED OUT OF THE DREAMS AND HOPES OF PEOPLE OF VARIOUS DIMENSIONAL WORLDS--
--INCLUDING YOURS!
THAT MAKES EVEN LESS SENSE!
BE THAT AS IT MAY, ITS POWER SUPPORTS THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL WORLDS--
--AND AT THIS MOMENT, IT IS MAGINARYWORLD THAT IS IN THE GRAVEST OF DANGERS!
FROM WHAT? OR IS THAT WHO?
SEEMINGLY OUT OF NOWHERE, VOID FLASHED INTO EXISTENCE--
--APPEARING IN OUR MIDST--

AND DRAINED THE POWER OF THE PRECIOUS STONE
...TURNING NATURE INTO A WASTELAND.
...AND GENTLE CREATURES INTO CARNIVORES
...THUS SPIRALING IMAGINARY WORLD ON A COURSE TO ITS DESTRUCTION
SO WHERE DO I FIT IN?
A CHAMPION IS NEEDED!
CAPABLE OF DEFEATING VOID FOR ALL TIME!
HERE-- TAKE THIS!
PUT IT ON!
LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE?


WOULDN'T YOU BE DENYING YOUR TRUE NATURE IF YOU DID OTHERWISE?
THAT YOU LIVE--FOR THE ADVENTURE?
FEELS MORE LIKE I'M GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES!
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO COME BACK TO THIS HUNK'A ROCK!
GO AHEAD AND TOUCH IT!
SOUNDS MORE LIKE FAMOUS LAST WORDS TO ME--
--BUT WHAT THE HEY! I'M GAME!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J.F. GABRIE
EDITOR

Hope you enjoyed pre-adaptation to the new Sega Dreamcast game, SONIC SHUFFLE! (Did I tell you it's on sale in stores now? If you play the game after reading this story, let me know how you made out as either Sonic, Tails, Amy, or Knuckles).

As you know Knuckles' regular story comes back next issue. With Knuckles' new abilities, everybody seems to have a big, giant target at his head. What will happen? You know I'm going to tell you that only time will tell. Things are certainly gearing up for #100. Keep those letters coming with your predictions.

Catch you on the flip side...

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#93

NEXT ISSUE: *Sonic returns to Knothole, but wait until he sees what's waiting there for him. Catch "Crime 'n Punishment!", and a momentous decision that will affect the life of our heroic hedgehog for months to follow. But what could have caused this dilemma in the first place? Written by Karl Bollers, penciled by FRY, with inks by Pam Eklund! And also on those drama-drenched pages you'll find the Mobius-shattering conclusion to "Hired Guns," the latest KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA mini-epic, written by Ken Penders, penciled by Ron Lim, with inks by Pam Eklund. You won't want to miss SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #93, on sale in January 2001!*

EACH MONTH, IT'S ALWAYS TOUGH DECIDING WHICH LETTERS TO PRINT IN SONIC-GRAMS, BUT IN THE END, WE ALWAYS CHOOSE WISELY:

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'm a true blue Sonic fan. I think he's way past cool. I started collecting at age twelve with issue #28. I love how you link each issue together to form a great storyline. I think you should have more solo missions with Tails, though. Can't wait 'til issue #100!! It will be a milestone, I'm sure. How do I get a subscription form for SONIC SUPER SPECIAL?
Alex Gonzalez/Tulare, CA

It's not exactly what we'd call a "solo" mission, Alex, but we're sure you'd like to know that Tails will guest-star in our KNUCKLES back-up from issues #94-96, in a story that centers around him being the "Chosen One." We can't wait 'til issue #100, either! Alas, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL has gone the way of the dodo and the macarena— issue #15 was our final installment in the series.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I think your comics and art are awesome! I like Sonic and Bunnie's new look. I have some questions: 1) In the SONIC ADVENTURE adaptation, you spelled the female echidna's name two different ways— Tical and Tikal. Which one's right? 2) When will we get to meet Julie-Su's caretaker Floren-ca?
3) How did Sonic meet Sally? That's all for now. Keep up the good work!
Tanya "Sico" Stowell/Wasilla, AK

1) The correct spelling of that female echidna's name is Tikal, Tanya— sorry about the misspelling! 2) Floren-ca briefly appeared in "Best of Times, Worst of Times" in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14. 3) Sonic and Sally met when they were kids.

Dear Sonic and Amy Rose,
In issue #85's Sonic-Grams page, I agreed when Raphyel Jordan said you two should be a couple, because...well, you know...you're both hedgehogs and you, Sonic, are well...handsome to the ladies (I guess), and you Amy Rose are...um...how can I say this? More pretty than ever since you made your wish in issue #79. And besides, Sonic, why do you want Sally to be your girlfriend? When I looked at my instruction booklet for SEGA Dreamcast's SONIC ADVENTURE, it said that Amy was your girlfriend, and that made me really happy! So, can you pleeeeeze start dating? Everyone would like it...especially me! And hey, Sonic, you might even realize that Amy is one hot hedgehog!
Anton Novak/Brighton, MI

Sonic wants to know if Amy Rose put you up to writing your letter, Anton. In all honesty, though, Sonic and Sally have a looong history together, and their relationship can't simply unravel overnight. Amy may now be closer in age to Sonic, but don't forget that it was an immature act that brought on her growth spurt. Perhaps, Sonic needs a girl who's more mature...someone his speed, y'know?

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Awesome job on the latest SONIC comic! Very cool! I especially like the new illustrator "FRY." He rocks! Don't get me wrong, I'm still a Steven Butler fan, but I like this new guy more. Well, keep up the good work.
Corrie "Pacarrieon" Steffensen/Port Lions, AK

We appreciate the the thumbs up, Corrie, and so does FRY!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I love SONIC comics! So far I have sixty-eight issues, and you guys have done a good job on all of them. Every time I get an issue in the mail, I yell and scream as if I just won the lottery or something! I have a couple of questions: 1) When will I be able to get all the older back-issues from the SONIC checklist? 2) Will Big the Cat be appearing anymore? 3) When is Rotor going to be back? I just can't wait until I get my SEGA Dreamcast! By the time you read this, I hope to be playing SONIC ADVENTURE.
Camran Caldwell/Addairsville, GA

Thanks for writing, Camran! To answer your questions:
1) Unfortunately, Archie Comics no longer has every back issue in stock, mainly on account of all the orders we've already received for them! However, we suggest looking in the back-issue bin at your local comics shop.
2) Big decided to remain in Cat Country, but should Sonic and the gang ever take a trip down there, who knows what to expect! 3) Rotor returned last issue!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Keep the art coming full speed, okay, FRY? It's great! I've got a couple of questions and a few suggestions: 1) Will Zonic ever appear again? 2) Will we ever see Prince Sonic, Prince Manic, Princess Sonia, or Evil Sonic again? 3) Maybe you could have Amy fall for Tails or Mack the weasel. 4) Maybe you could have a story with Mack and Princess Sally.
Alanna Lyle/Jefferson, NC

1) You can count on the Zone Cop dropping by from time to time, Alanna. 2) That depends. If enough readers write in demanding it, then they'll appear in an upcoming issue, deal! 3) Isn't Tails too young for Amy? And Mack? How would Sonic and crew react to Amy falling for a bad guy? 4) Sounds like you're a big Mack fan. Hope you caught the sleazy weasel's appearance in this issue's KNUCKLES back-up! Don't miss its exciting continuation next month!

"And that about wraps it up for now, folks... but... for now, but so long as your letters keep coming, we'll keep reading 'em and printing 'em. So, 'til next time...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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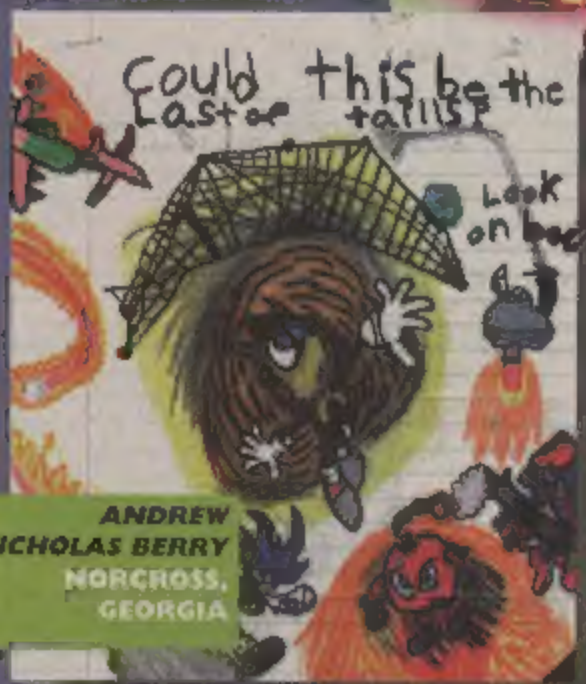

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